commands over nuclear weapons perhaps not even the Soviets;

(b) whether Government have made any assessment of dangers posed to peace due to disintegration of Soviet Union and taken up the matter in international forum;

(c) if so, the outcome thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons thereof?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI MADHAVSINH SOLANKI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) The Prime Minister in his address at the Summit Meeting of the Security Council shared the concerns expressed by several leaders on the threat posed to international peace and security by the proliferation of nuclear weapons and noted in this regard that the possible loss of control over nuclear arsenals and the dangers of an uncontrolled spread of ready-made nuclear weapons across the globe by a variety of means and methods had added a qualitatively and frighteningly new dimension to the proliferation issue.

Opening of Israeli Embassy at New Delhi

2727. Dr. NARREDDLY THULASI REDDY: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to allow to open Israeli Embassy at New Delhi; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI MADHAVSINH SOLANKI): (a) Yes, Sir. Following the establishment of full diplomatic relations with Israel, Government have agreed to the opening of an Israeli Embassy in New Delhi.

(b) With the appointment of a Charge d'Affaires on February 13, 1992, the Embassy of Israel has officially started functioning.

Pakistan High Commissioner's views for Resolving Bilateral Issues

2728. SHRI BEKAL UTSAHI: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the remarks made by Mr. Abdul Sattar, the Pakistan High Commissioner at the Rotary Club of Allahabad on Saturday, January 13, 1992 suggesting reference of various unresolved bilateral issues defying bipartitie solution including Kashmir issues to an arbitration tribunal; and

(b) if so, what is Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI MADHAVSINH SOLANKI): (a) Government have seen reports in this regard.

(b) Government are committed to the Simla Agreement under which all differences with Pakistan are to be resolved bilaterally and peacefully. There is no scope for any outside or third party involvement of any sort.

Denial of Visas by Indian Missions Abroad

2729. SHRI BHADRESWAR BURAGOHAIN: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware that a good number of tourist groups have applied visa to visit Assam to witness the world famous one horned Rhino at Kaziranga National Park;

(b) whether most of them were denied visas by the Indian Missions abroad due to Restricted Area Permit system in the North Eastern Region; and

(c) what are the number of visas granted by the Indian Embassy in Berne, Switzerland in 1991-92 and the total number of applications received by the mission in Switzerland?